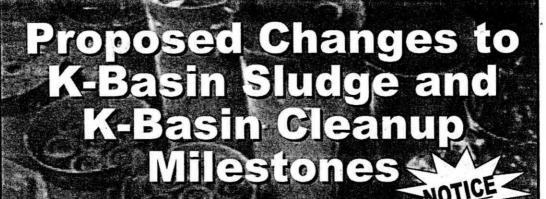
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The U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Washington State Department of Ecology, the agencies responsible for Hanford cleanup, want your input on proposed changes that outline a strategy and schedule for accelerating K-Basins sludge treatment and disposal and removal of the K-Basins and cleanup of the soils under the Basins.

The proposed changes to the M-34 and M-16 Tri-Party Agreement milestone series include:

- Initiate containerization of K-East sludge by October 31, 2004
- Initiate containerization of K-West sludge by June 30, 2006
- Complete treatment of sludge by October 31, 2007
- Complete removal of the K-Basins and their content by March 31, 2009.

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